



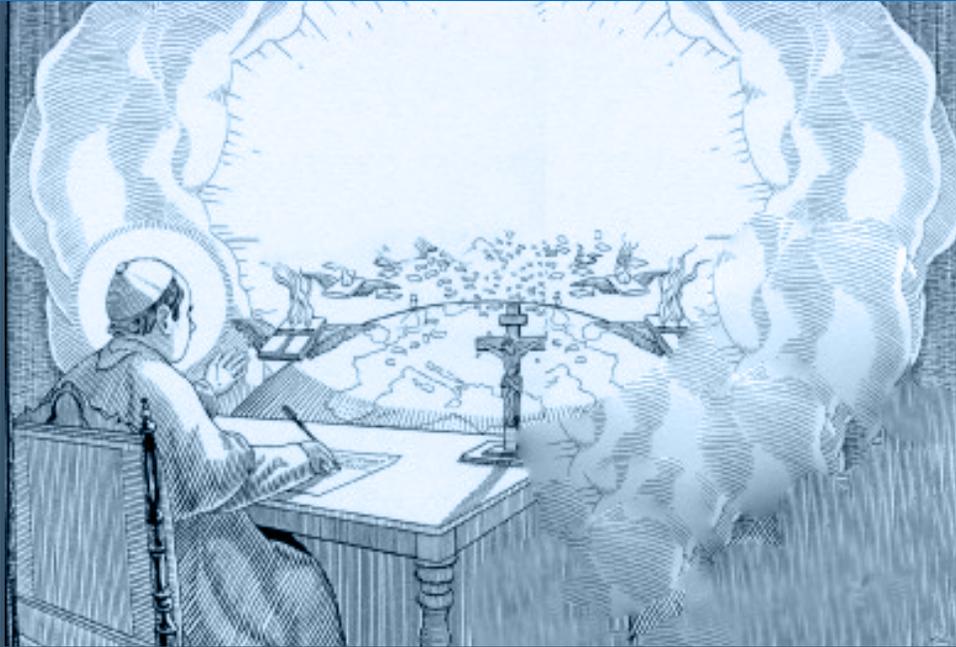
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NUNC 2022 AND ONWARDS: A JOURNAL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL DREAM AS IT UNFOLDS

The Congregation dreams of a well-rooted Congregation in Christ and bold in doing and being in the mission. And to fulfill it, the whole congregation is invited to actively participate in each of the commitments under the different designs drafted by the Chapter members.

The NUNC of 2022 and onwards until we reach the target year 2027 shall narrate to you the many Claretian stories all over the Congregation as the realization of the dream unfolds. We commit to presenting the transformation processes in the different parts of the Congregation as we strive to be rooted in Jesus Christ and our Claretian Spirituality. We promise to tell stories of how our brothers treasure in their hearts, fulfill, and proclaim the Word of God. Furthermore, we will feature some of our communities as they struggle audaciously to share their lives in communities shaped by the mission. Not only that, but we also thought of featuring different missions in the peripheries, our ministries

with the young people, our ventures with the members of the Claretian Family, and vocational stories worthy of sharing. We will recount the many endeavors in biblically animating all the pastoral ministries of the Congregation and the adventures in the cybermission. We will narrate the different efforts to combat injustices, promote peace and care of our common home, and our journey with people of different cultures, ethnicities, and religions as we all together build and transform a better world. Lastly, we hope to relate the many ways our Congregation responds to new challenges through an integral and continuous process of formation, open to the universal mission, according to the spirit and charism of our Father Founder.



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REALIGNING POSITIONS TO FULFILL THE DREAM

As the General Government continues to develop its Action Plan for the next six years, it has also become necessary to realign the services and personnel of the General Curia to fulfill her mission of animating the Congregation in the processes that will lead to the realization of the dream of the Congregation in 2027. To this end, new appointments have been made, and some other appointments have been renewed for a specified term of office.

The newly created General Prefecture of Bible Ministry and Communication finally created the **Communication Department of the Congregation**, with **Fr. Louie III Guades, CMF** of Fr. Rhoel Gallardo Province as the **Communication Team Coordinator**. Two more members reinforce and complete the new team – **Fr. José Enrique García Rizo, CMF** of Fátima Province, and **Fr. Nelson Thomas Puthanparambil, CMF** of Bangalore Province. This team will work with many of Claretians and Lay collaborators as they progress in this new endeavor. The official email of the communications department is communications@iclalet.org.

In the General Secretariat, **Fr. Joseph Ikemefuna Iwobi, CMF** of West Nigeria Independent Delegation, is now the **Secretary of Prefectures**. His main job is to provide and attend to the needs of the General Prefectures. He will also continue to work with the Communication Team.

The newly reorganized **Team of Claretian Spirituality Center (CESC)** in Vic, Spain, under the prefecture of Spirituality and Community Life, has now a new member. **Br. Mario Kevin Rivera Armijo, CMF** of Centroamérica Province, completes the universal representation of the Congregation in the team to reinforce. This will reinforce the processes of transformation that the prefecture aims to do in the Congregation.

Moreover, Father General extends the mandate of **Fr. Lord Winner Maria John, CMF** of Chennai Province as **General Mission Procurator**, and **Fr. Rohan Dominic T.L., CMF** of St. Joseph Vaz Independent Delegation as **UN Team Coordinator**. Starting this year, joining the **UN Team** but to reside in Kenya, is **Br. Robert Omondi Apiyo, CMF** of St. Charles Lwanga Independent Delegation. The UN Team therefore shall be composed of Frs. Rohan Dominic T.L., **Miguel Angel Velasco, Henry Ramirez, CMFF** who will all stay in the USA, and Br. Robert A. Omondi, CMF, who will reside in Kenya. **Fr. Vincent Anes, CMF** remains the **JPIC General Secretary**. They all will form the **Solidarity and Mission (SOMI) Team** under the General Prefecture of Apostolate.

May Christ guide them as they remain rooted in Him and be audacious in facing the many challenges and workloads ahead.



APOSTOLATE

EDUCATING THE PEOPLE TO BUILD BETTER FUTURE DREAMS



Rome, Italy. Over three hundred participants from almost forty nations worldwide attended the IV World Congress of Educators of the Claretian Family held online in December 2021. The new online mode of the congress allowed many people who had never participated before to take part. Lay educators made up 65% of the participants. More than half the congress participants came from the Americas, while participation from Asia and Africa exceeded that of previous congresses.

In February, a small commission composed of the Missionary Sisters of the Claretian Institution and the Claretian Missionaries will study how to take up the suggestions for the future raised by the congress participants. The Claretian Family wishes to join the spirit of the Global Education Pact encouraged by Pope Francis and has received with joy his message for the World Day of Peace 2022, in which he insists on the value of education and dialogue between generations as good mediation to build lasting peace.

SPIRITUALITY

JOINING FORCES, DREAMING AS ONE FOR THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE CONGREGATION



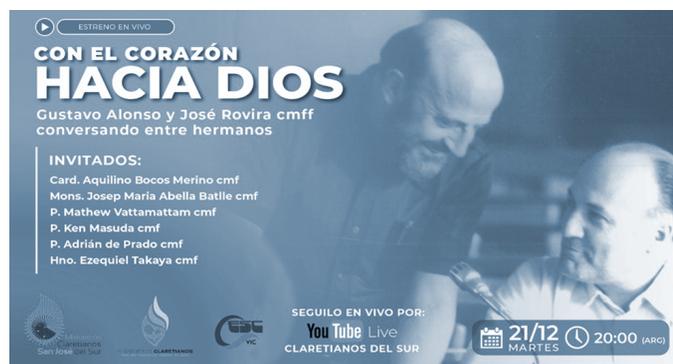
Madrid, Spain. The newly redefined CESC Team members gathered on December 5 to 9, 2021, with Fr. Carlos Sanchez Miranda, General Prefect of Spirituality and Community Life, in Colmenar Viejo after two years of no face-to-face

meetings and gatherings. Frs. Juan Carlos Martos, Josep Rovira, Sebin Mundackal, Salvador León, Félix K. Ketoglo, Rohan Peires, and Paulson Veliyannoor, CMFF, were all glad to share their whereabouts and personal situations. They took the opportunity to rethink the new status of the teams and outline their new lines of action in the light of the recently concluded XXVI General Chapter.

The two teams now merged into one single team to be called CESC, and its task will be to animate the spirituality of the whole Congregation. They will continue the research on our Congregational heritage and its diffusion and the spiritual animation of the Congregation, and the Forge will be part of its spiritual animation services. They also made some contributions to the draft of the Action Plan of the General Government in the Spirituality and Community Life section.

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WITH A HEART TOWARDS GOD



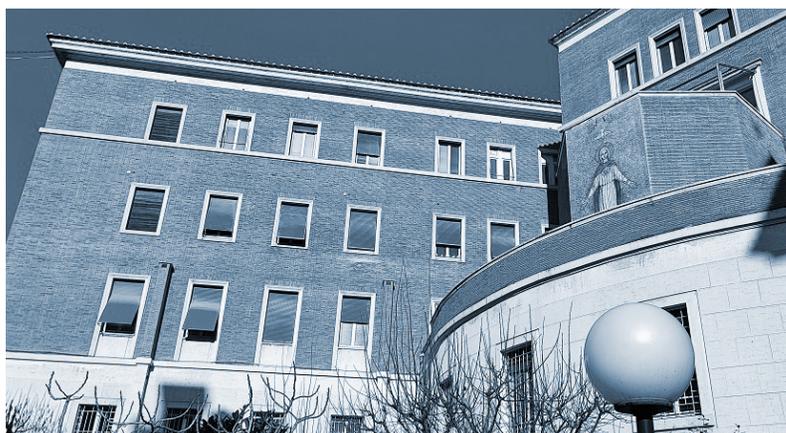
Buenos Aires, Argentina. San José del Sur Province and the Claretian Spirituality Center (CESC) in Vic, Spain, joined forces to produce an unpublished video to honor the late Fr. Gustavo Alonso Taborda, CMF, 10th General Superior of our Congregation.

The video that premiered on December 21, 2021, on the YouTube Channel of San José del Sur showcases Fr. Alonso interviewed by Fr. Jose Rovira, CMF of CESC. Gustavo relates his family roots, his work as a formator, his reception of the Second Vatican Council, the adaptation to the conciliar norms, and the updating of the Claretian Constitutions and other topics.

Comments of other General Superiors and some young missionaries enriched the content, highlighting Fr. Gustavo Alonso's significance in the life of the Congregation, both from the point of view of those who lived these transformations closely and of the new missionary generations. Visit this link to view its content: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TI0r7QLz97Y>

GENERAL HOUSES

THE VIRUS SPARES NO ONE



Rome, Italy. The current pandemic did not spare the members of the General Curia. In December 2021, seven of its members caught the virus – our own General Superior, some council members, and some missionaries working in the general offices. One Claretian in Specialization (CIS) staying at the adjacent parish community of Parioli also got contaminated. Thanks to prayers, proper medication, appropriate quarantine, and care, all survived. Father General received his negative result towards the end of January. We continue to pray for the recovery of all those afflicted by this pandemic. And we pray for our brothers who have lost their lives in the past year.

ASCLA

ENSURING THE BRIGHT FUTURE OF THE CHILDREN OF NAKASEKE



Nakaseke, Uganda. Luweero has been the battleground of the famous bush war that brought President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni into power in 1985. Due to the dynamics of such a fierce guerrilla war, people deserted this area for a long time. But with the creation of new districts and many other developmental projects initiated in this place, people are coming back to settle down in this area. Though Butlangu is only 100 kilometers away from Kampala, the capital city, it is still a periphery where our presence can positively change, especially in secondary education.

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Thus, on December 4, 2021, Fr. Joy Mampillikunnel, CMF, Major Superior of St. Charles Lwanga Independent Delegation, laid the foundation stone of the proposed St. Claret Secondary School at Butlangu Village. The Claretians acquired this piece of land way back in 2014, and a Claretian community consisting of Frs. Bernard John and Santos Mugisha, CMFF started residing in this place in 2018. This new development ensures the bright future of the children of this village.

ASCLA EAST

GONE YET HIS DREAMS FOR THE MORO LAND CONTINUES



Isabela City, Philippines. Msgr. Jose Querexeta, CMF, first prelate of the Territorial Prelature of Isabela on the island of Basilan, dominated mainly by Muslims, would have turned 100 years old on December 9, 2021 if he were alive. He has gone to the Father's House way back in the late 90s, and yet, his memories are still vivid in the hearts and minds of the Basileños. Some people can still remember their encounters with him and how it changed their lives and the city. They sing "Alabare," a Spanish song that the late bishop popularized and translated to the Chavacano language and taught to the faithful.

In his memory, the Prelature, headed by Msgr. Leo Dalmao, CMF, current local ordinary, with the Claretians working on the island, organized a Mass in his honor to thank the Lord for this dreamer and the dreams realized in this almost foreign land. The Provincial Vicar, Fr. Amador Tumbaga, CMF, represented the Provincial Government of Fr. Rhoel Gallardo Province and delivered the message-homily for the said occasion. After the Mass, the Claretians and laypeople visited his false grave in the nearby village. His actual remains lay at rest in northern Spain.

Paradoxically, Querexeta's successor, Archbishop Romulo Tolentino de la Cruz, DD, died on that same day in Zamboanga City.

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ASCLA WEST

THEY ARE JUST “DIFFERENTLY ABLE”

Gauribidanur, India. On December 3, 2021, the Project Vision Rural campus celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities with Special Children and their families. The day was colorful with cultural activities performed by the Children with disabilities. It was an opportunity for the children to exhibit their God-given talents and tell the world that they are just “differently ABLE.” Dr. Venkatasubramanian, the director of Ranganalakshmi Netralaya Yelahanka, Rtn Jayaraman, Arasapur Panchayath President Rama Krishnappa and VRWs graced the event..

Together with CHAI-LF (Catholic Health Association of India, Liliane Fonds) and FNF (Fidelity National Financial), the Project Vision supports 250 children with disabilities, providing intervention in Health, Education, Social, and livelihood to these children and their families. “Let us bring smiles, as they are also the Society’s Treasures.”

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities observance was proclaimed in 1992 by the United Nations General Assembly resolution. The theme of this year is “Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable post- COVID-19 world.” It aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness for an ‘Inclusive Society’ in every aspect of political, social, economic, and cultural life.

ECLA

POSTPONED PROVINCIAL CHAPTERS

Due to the recent cases of COVID-19 in Spain and the health conditions of the missionaries of both Sanctus Paulus and Santiago Provinces, their respective Provincial Chapters were postponed. Santiago Province rescheduled their Chapter at the end of February, while Sanctus Paulus will have it in August instead. Both were supposed to celebrate their respective Chapters last December 2021.



MICLA

A NEW HORIZON AHEAD FOR COLOMBIA ORIENTAL- ECUADOR

Sasaima, Colombia. Parting from the theme “Missionaries of Life: Rooted in Christ and Audacious in Mission,” and using the same procedures and style of the recently concluded XXVI General Chapter, Colombia Oriental – Ecuador Province celebrated its XVI Provincial Chapter from December 8 to 12, 2021. Fr. Henry Omonisaye, CMF, General Vicar of the Congregation, presided over the Chapter. One can visit and read their remarkable journey in the chronicle posted on the website of the Congregation.



To animate the Province as she fulfills her dream for the missionaries and the Claretian mission in the eastern side of Colombia and Ecuador, they elected the following persons:

- Provincial Superior: **Fr. Josué González Jaramillo, CMF**
- Consultor and Pref. of Apostolate: **Fr. Enrique Aponte, CMF**
- Consultor and Econome: **Fr. José María Flórez, CMF**
- Consultor and Pref. of Formation: **Br. Guillermo Salamanca, CMF**



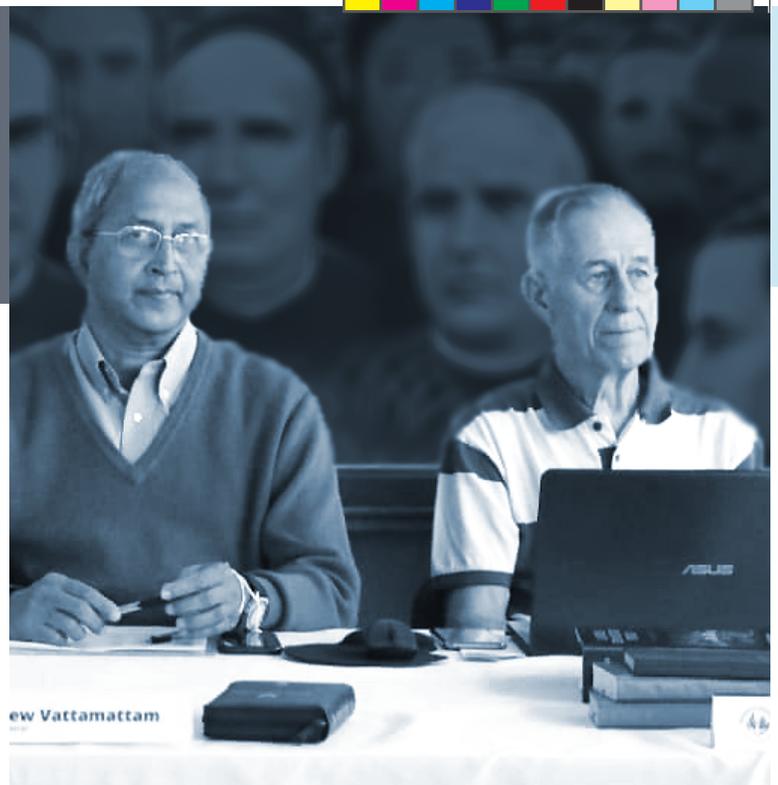
COLOMBIA ORIENTAL - ECUADOR XVIII PASTORAL ASSEMBLY

Sasaima, Colombia. Rooted in Christ and audacious in mission, 87 religious and lay Claretians gathered for the XVIII Pastoral Assembly of Colombia Oriental - Ecuador Province from December 6 to 8, 2021.

The participant's days were brightened through the phase of discovering, dreaming, designing, and self-commitment. They established their way from the appreciative inquiry method, making conversations in each of the structures, areas and local communities, which allowed them to value missionary work. The path traveled, achievements, challenges, and suggestions were reviewed in groups, based on areas and structures, that engenders building together with the dreams that represent our commitment to being Christians, committed to building the Kingdom in the style of Saint Anthony Mary Claret.

The presence of Fr. Henry Omonisaye, CMF, delegated by the Superior General to be the President of the XVI Provincial Chapter, with his ingenious orientations, enriched their Provincial Assembly. He enlightened them on the theme: *Missionary Service in the Light of Synodality: Rooted and Audacious*. His presence is a sign of communion with the Congregation and encourages them to grow in their mission.

The experience during these days allowed them to go into their Provincial Chapter with the confidence of having synodally built some lines that will help them continue to dream of the Province of Colombia Oriental and Ecuador.



NEW LEADERSHIP TO LEAD COLOMBIA - VENEZUELA IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS

Medellín, Colombia. During the III Provincial Chapter of the Claretian Province of Colombia - Venezuela, the Chapter members envisioned that the following confrères would best lead their Organism in fulfilling the dream of the Congregation in this part of the world:

Provincial Superior: **Fr. Luis Armando Valencia, CMF**
Consultor and Pref. of Apostolate: **Fr. Anselmus Baru, CMF**
Consultor and Pref. of Formation: **Br. Jhon Jairo Flórez, CMF**
Consultor and Econome: **Fr. Walter Pineda, CMF**

Fr. Mathew Vattamattam, CMF, General Superior, presided over the Chapter that started on December 12, 2021. The Chapter practically replicated the process used during the XXVI General Chapter. Aside from the new trend of having a facilitator in a Chapter, in this instance, Fr. Gonzalo Fernández Sanz, CMF, ten laity who are part of the mission in Colombia and Venezuela, took part in it.



LETTER FROM THE 10TH CLARETIAN FAMILY ENCOUNTER

TO ALL OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN THE CHARISM

Rome, 8 December 2021

Dearest family,

Accompanied by the harmonious sound of the loom machines, the leaders, and representatives of the eight branches of the Claretian family have held our 10th World Encounter in Rome at the Retreat House of the Passionists in Rome's Caelian Hill. Although the pandemic has made us reconsider our initial program – this encounter was planned to be held in Londrina (Brazil) – the Spirit has allowed us to continue tuning our hearts and interweaving our threads to weave a beautiful cloth with the color of our family together with the whole Synodal Church, which wants to shelter the world with the warmth of the joy of the Gospel.

These have been days of blessings, joyful reunion, friendship, and intense work, in which we have felt like a single community, a single-family. We have made a pleasant memory of the immense gift of so many people who have marked our journey as a family throughout the ten meetings held in almost forty years of history. And we have celebrated all the seeds of life that in these last four years, starting from Mühlberg commitments, have been germinating, producing significant fruits thanks to work carried out as a family and energized by a general coordination team: the reflection on the common traits that identify us as members of the same family, the meetings and teams of Youth and Vocations Ministry, including the WYD in Claretian Family (CF), the impulse of the network of young people +18 "Claret Way", the solidarity and emergency fund SOS-CF, the strategic plan of *Laudato Si'* in CF, the coordinated work in Solidarity and Mission with the celebration of the world days of the UN and the ecclesial ones, the fourth Congress of Educators of the Claretian Family, the advances in communication (new website), and the whole process of preparation of this 10th encounter with the novelty of a motivating formative encounter by Fr. Adrián de Prado cmf on 13 November entitled "*Where the threads cross. From family to familiarity*".... We recognised with joy the "so much good" that is being done, and at the same time we felt motivated to continue to glimpse all the much good that the creativity of the Spirit places on the horizon as God's project for our family.

In an atmosphere of open and sincere dialogue, we have carried out a communal discernment enlightened by other ecclesial visions and experiences. In light of this discernment, we dare to say that at this historic moment, the Spirit is calling us to go a step further and to move from familiarity to communion. It is no longer a matter of simply being side by side, but of being intertwined, for a communion made of reciprocity, consonance, the practice of sharing, common mission, discernment... where we all grow in the exercise of the exchange of gifts. A sense of belonging and intentional participation is necessary while respecting all times.

Because "*it is in communion – even if it is difficult – that a charism reveals itself to be 'authentically and mysteriously fruitful'*" (EG 130). Claret dreamt of a family, and we are a family. We feel we are a family, which from the complementarity of gifts longs to

place the shared charism at its center. It is the responsibility of all of us to guard and make visible in the Church and in the world this gift received, strengthening our identity, and configuring ourselves as an entity at the service of evangelization. To this end, we have decided to begin the process of acquiring legal personality as a charismatic family, giving witness to unity while respecting differences and particularities.

Drawing from our charismatic roots, like Claret, we want to think only of seeking the greater glory of God, always imitating Jesus Christ in praying, working, and suffering: praying as an invitation to a profound relationship with God until Jesus himself is imprinted in our hearts; working as an invitation to conversion so that our evangelizing action is shaped by life, and suffering as an invitation to oblation and unreserved dedication to the mission entrusted to us by the Spirit.

And with this missionary identity, we intend to continue to grow as a family. To this end, we want to face the following challenges:

- the promotion of common formative meetings at local, regional and world levels,
- the reflection and establishment of a communication strategy,
- the use of the different meeting forums to continue sharing initiatives in Solidarity and Mission -in particular, offering our Claretian perspective within the sphere of the Non-Governmental Organisations accredited to the United Nations-,
- the enthusiastic spreading of the family spirit in all our local realities, encouraging the celebration of fraternal encounters that allow us to strengthen ties through the mutual knowledge of the different branches.

As Claretian family, we feel strongly called to share the synodal journey of the Church from the search for new and creative responses to the challenges of the contemporary world, from the prophecy of communion for a universal fraternity (cf. FT 95-96).

Commended to the Heart of Mary, our Immaculate Mother, whose feast we have been able to celebrate together, we wish to unite in community prayer, so that the Lord may grant us the grace to continue to grow as a family and to be ever more sensitive to the voice of God who speaks to us through life.

The Lord has been great with us, and we are rejoicing, blessed be the Lord!

Participants of the X Claretian Family Encounter

Missionaries Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (CMF)
Religious Sisters of Mary Immaculate Claretian Missionaries (RMI)
Missionary Sisters of Mary Immaculate (MMI)
Cordimarian Missionary Sisters (MCM)
Daughters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – Cordimarian Filiation (HICM)
Missionary Sisters of the Claretian Institution (MIC)
Missionary Sisters of St. Anthony Mary Claret (MSAMC)
Lay Claretians Movement (SSCC)



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29/12/2021

Abah, Appolinaire Achille
Awontuh Chuo, Annasetus
Belinga, Joseph Marie Brice
Fozin Satanang, Philippe Christian

Fátima
02/12/2021

Choga, Nyasha
Ndhlovu, Look-Llife

Indonesia-Timor Leste
18/12/2021

Ganti, Aloysius Etwino
Kapistrano, Kalixtus
Pereira, Silvestre Antonio

St. Charles Lwanga
18/12/2021
Jebarus, Hergianus

CALLED TO THE HOUSE OF THE FATHER DECEMBER 2021

15 FR. GODWIN AKUDIKE CHIMEZIRI
at the age of 60 in Owerri, Nigeria.
East Nigeria Province.

16 FR. HUGO BECK
at the age of 79 in Spaichingen, Germany.
Deutschland Province.

17 N. JOSÉ DAVID MORILLO NÚÑEZ
at the age of 34 in Medellín, Colombia.
Colombia-Venezuela Province.

20 FR. DIONISIO ZULUAGA ARTECHE
at the age of 88 in Pamplona, Spain.
Sanctus Paulus Province.

21 FR. CHARLES CHUKWUNWOLU UDEH
at the age of 63 in Enugu, Nigeria
West Nigeria Independent Delegation.

28 FR. EMMANUEL AGWULONU
at the age of 69 in Nekede, Nigeria.
East Nigeria Province.

30 FR. MARCOS VALÉRIO RODRIGUES
at the age of 54 in Batatais, Brazil
Brasil Province.

31 FR. JOSÉ MARÍA PEREIRA LOPES
at the age of 87 in Carvalhos, Portugal.
Fátima Province.

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